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STORY SO FAR

AT LAST, I CAN PROPERLY INTRODUCE YOU TO MY LATEST CREATION.

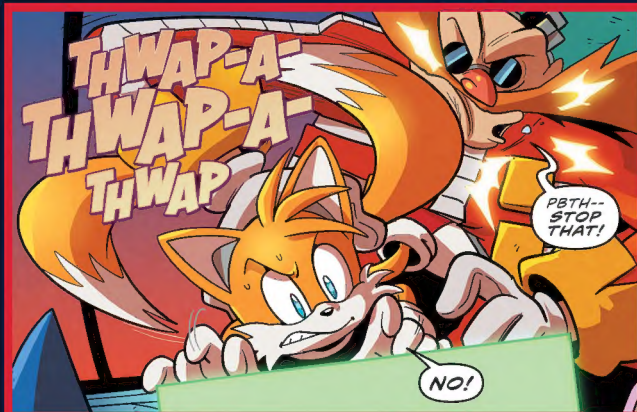
THIS IS MY CITY OF TOMORROW, A SELF-REPAIRING, METROPOLIS UNLIKE ANYTHING THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.

OKAY. FIRST, WE BREAK INTO THE CONTROL ROOM. SECOND, TAILS DISABLES EGGMAN'S SAFEGUARDS FOR THE FAKE EMERALD POWER GRID.

THAT WAY, WE CAN RESCUE WHISPER AND LANOLIN. AND CRASHING THE SYSTEM WILL STOP THE CITY FROM GROWING, RIGHT?

YUP. OTHERWISE, THE CITY WILL KEEP EXPANDING FOREVER!

THAT'S MY HYPOTHESIS, AT LEAST IF I STILL HAD THE MILES ELECTRIC, I'D KNOW FOR SURE...





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Diamond Cutter.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Diamond Cutter.



LANOLIN THE SHEEP

Woolen Warrior.
Diamond Cutter.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-Swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



SILVER THE HEDGEHOG

Young Psychic Hero.
Friend from the future.



BLAZE THE CAT

Fire-Powered Princess.
Friend from another dimension.



SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG

The Ultimate Life Form.
Sonic's grim rival.



ROUGE THE BAT

Treasure-Hunting Spy.
Restoration ally.



E-123 OMEGA

Rogue Super Badnik.
Robot hunter.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.



AH,
VICTORY
DOES TASTE
SO GOOD...



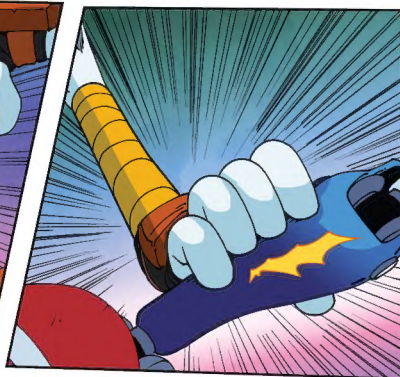
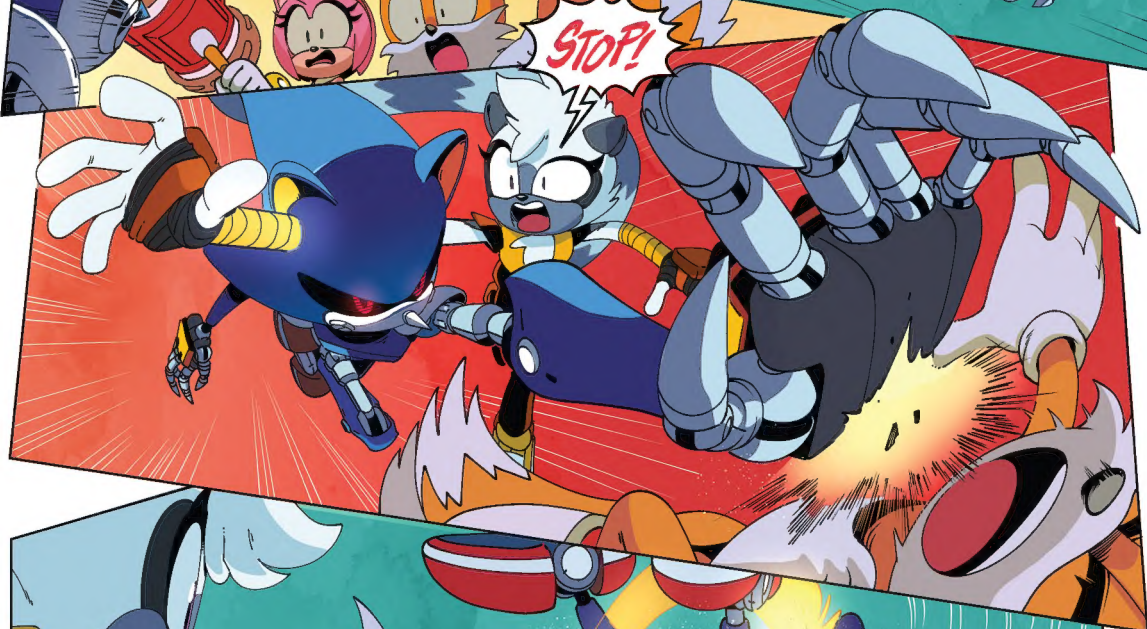
YOU
HAVEN'T
WON YET,
EGGMAN!

HAVEN'T I?
MY BRILLIANT
CREATIONS ARE MORE
THAN ENOUGH TO
HANDLE YOU.

UH, I'M NOT
SURE ORBOT
AN' I CAN
TAKE--

SHH!









YOU MADE
A **SERIOUS**
MISTAKE SIDING
WITH THESE
IDIOTS.

PERHAPS...
BUT IT'S BETTER
THAN LETTING
YOU HAVE YOUR
WAY.



EH?!



YOU-- WHO
ARE YOU
PEOPLE?!



I BELIEVE
YOU MET OUR
NAMESAKE, THE
DIAMOND
CUTTERS.

WE SERVE
AS A SMALL,
SPECIALIZED STRIKE
TEAM THAT ASSESSES
DANGER AND OFFERS
AID IN EXTREME
CONDITIONS.



BUT MOSTLY,
WE INTEND...

...TO BE A
PROBLEM.



WHAM

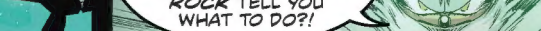
MEANWHILE...

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A comic book panel featuring Silver the Hedgehog in a dark, forest-like setting. Silver is depicted with his signature white and silver fur, looking intensely forward with a determined expression. He is surrounded by dark, shadowy figures and a large, dark, multi-petaled flower-like shape. A speech bubble at the bottom left contains the text "GET AWAY...". Another speech bubble at the bottom center contains the text "YOU'RE".

YOU'RE AWAKE!

THERE'S SO MUCH ENERGY BUILDING. IT'S...LIKE NOISE, IN MY HEAD...



I'M NOT GIVING UP THAT THAT EASILY, AND NEITHER ARE YOU! YOU'RE THE ULTIMATE LIFE-FORM, AREN'T YOU? ARE YOU GOING TO LET AN OVERGROWN ROCK TELL YOU WHAT TO DO?!

WELL?

...YOU'RE RIGHT.

"I AM THE ULTIMATE."

IT LOOKED LIKE
THE TRAP PARTIALLY
DISPLACED YOUR
BODIES, BUT WITH THE
CITY'S COMPUTER
SYSTEMS OFFLINE, YOU
ALL SHIFTED BACK INTO
NORMAL SPACE!

I
THOUGHT
THAT...
THAT YOU
GUYS...

WE'RE
BACK NOW.
THAT'S
WHAT
MATTERS.

NOW
LET'S GET
OUT OF
HERE!

SKYONG

IMPOSSIBLE!
MY CITY IS
PERFECT!

METAL!
CRUSH
THEM!

WHAM

AND
SONIC WAS
CAUGHT IN
THE SAME
TRAP,
SO...

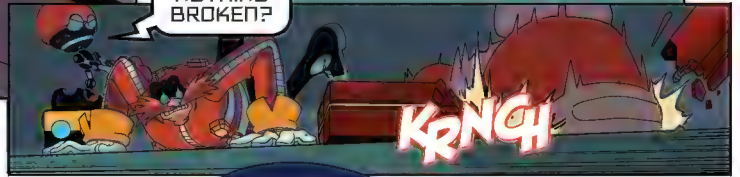
CRASH



TIME
TO GO.



ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,
BOSS?
NOTHING
BROKEN?



KRNGH



MISERABLE,
MEDDLING
CREATURES...

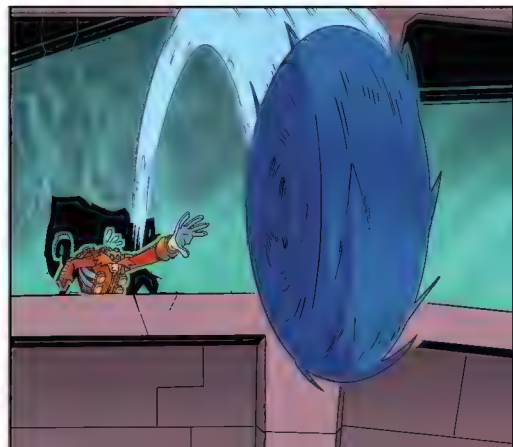
YOU KNOW
YOU'VE TAKEN
THIS TOO FAR,
EGGMAN.



AND YOU
KNOW WHAT
I'M GONNA
DO NEXT.

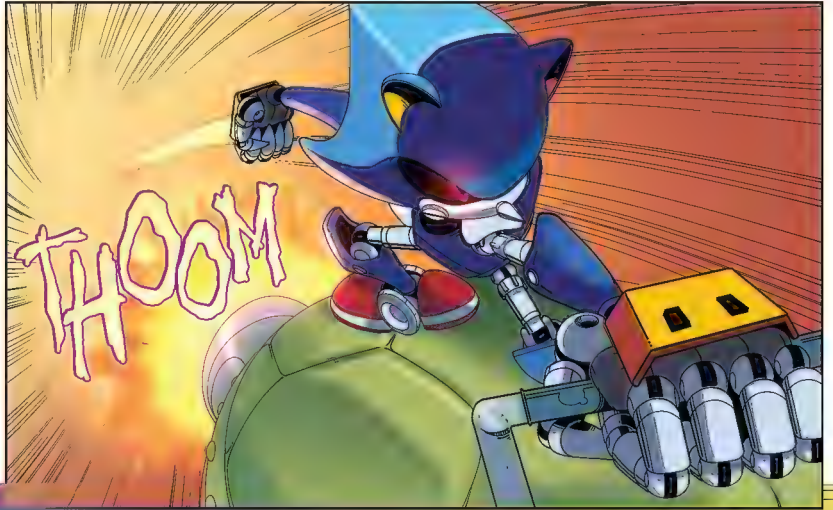
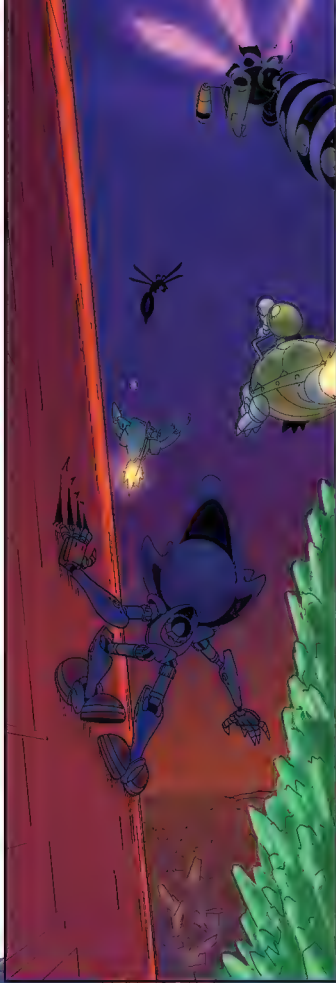


GRAH!



AND YOU
KNOW WHAT
I'M GONNA
DO NEXT.







COMMENCING
OBLITERATION!

HIGH-LEVEL
BADNIK
DETECTED.

WE
CANNOT
LET OUR
COMRADES
FIGHT
ALONE!

SURE, WHY
NOT! I LOVE
THROWING
MYSELF INTO
DANGER.



BUDDA-

BUDDA-

BUDDA-

ABANDON
YOUR INFERIOR
TRANSPORTATION
AND FIGHT ME
DIRECTLY!

SORRY,
DUDE, BUT
YOU'VE
GOTTA
LEARN...

CHA-
CHACK

...WHEN TO
QUIT!

FLEE
BOOM



UNTIL
NEXT
TIME,
METAL.



I'VE
WORKED
TOO HARD
TO LET THIS
CITY GO!



I AM
GOING TO
TAKE! YOU!
APART!



HOW MANY HITS
LIKE THAT CAN
WE TAKE?

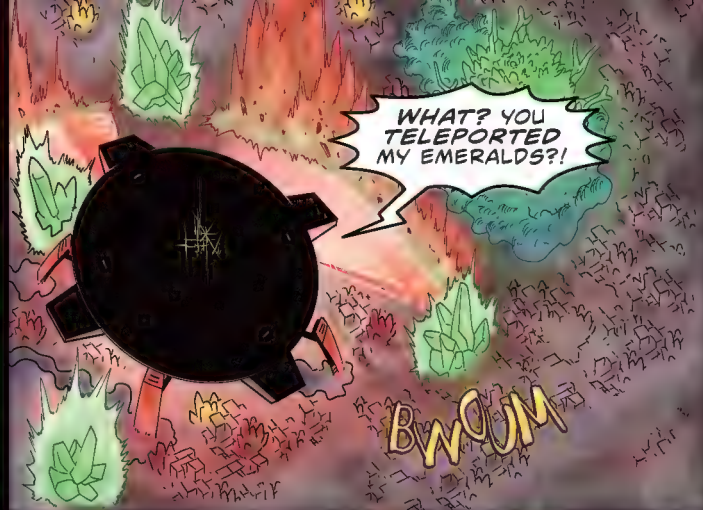
ENOUGH
TO WIN THIS
FIGHT.



THIS CITY
IS A TRUE
MONUMENT TO
YOUR HUBRIS,
DOCTOR.

I'LL
SHOW
YOU THE
MONSTER
YOU'VE
MADE!

**CHAOS
CONTROL!**



THESE
PERVERSE
EMERALDS CONNECT
YOUR ENTIRE CITY.
AND WITH THEM
UNDER MY
CONTROL...

...YOU'VE
BUILT YOUR
OWN CAGE!

**CHAOS
CONTROL!**

WHAT?!
NO!

**SHA-
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP**



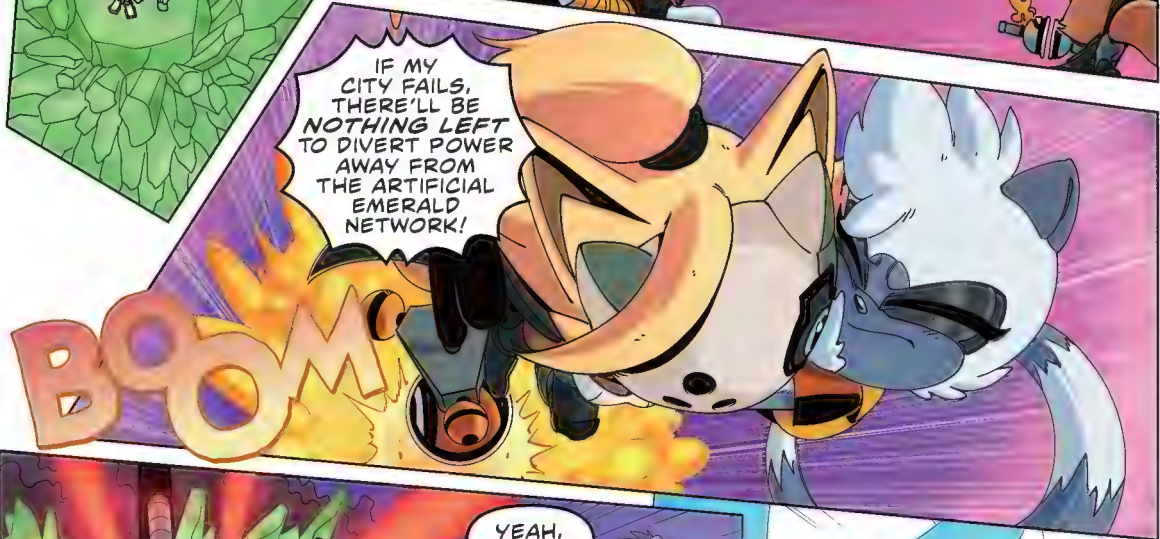
LET'S
FINISH
THIS!



W-WAIT! SONIC,
YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND!



IF MY
CITY FAILS,
THERE'LL BE
NOTHING LEFT
TO DIVERT POWER
AWAY FROM
THE ARTIFICIAL
EMERALD
NETWORK!



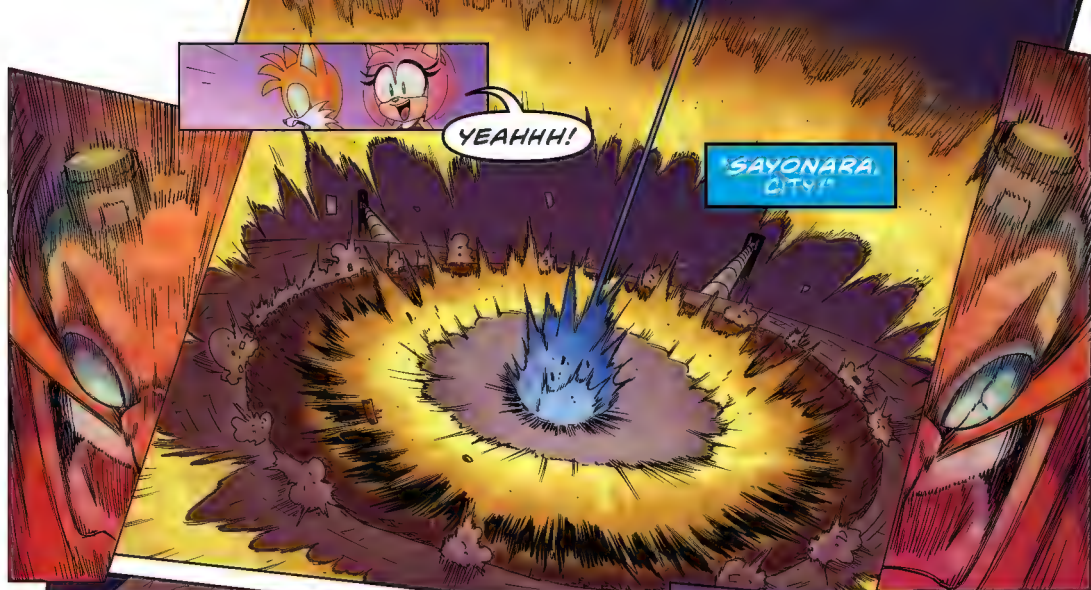
THEIR
DESTRUCTIVE
POWER IS
INCALCULABLE!
I'M THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN
PREVENT IT!

YEAH,
RIGHT...

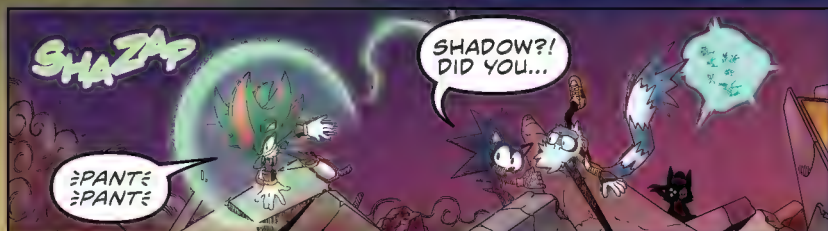
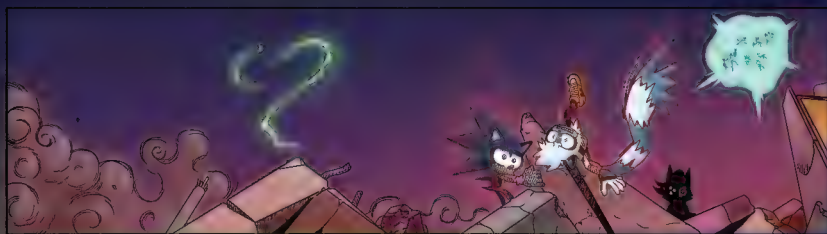
...PLEADING
DOESN'T SUIT
YOU, DOC!



WHASH







LATER...

...AND I WAS WORRIED THAT THE NEW PARTS WOULDN'T CONDUCT HYPER-GO-ON PROPERLY, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT WORKED FINE!

DID YOU SYNTHESIZE A CUSTOM POLYMER, OR MAYBE A MOLECULAR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL MATERIAL?

OH, UH, NO. IT'S MOSTLY WHATEVER I COULD PULL OUT OF THE OLD CHAOS DRIVES WE HAD LYING AROUND.

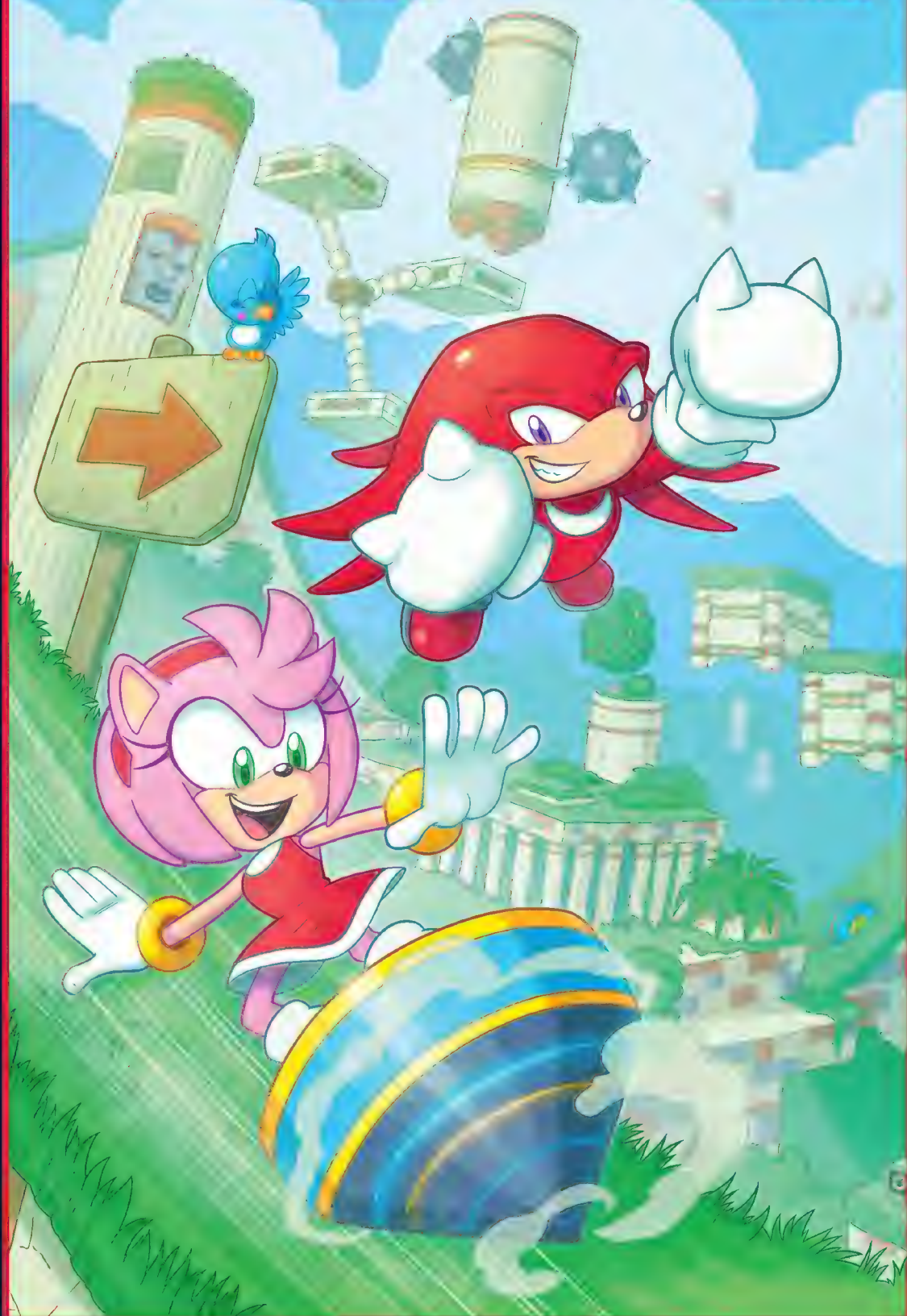




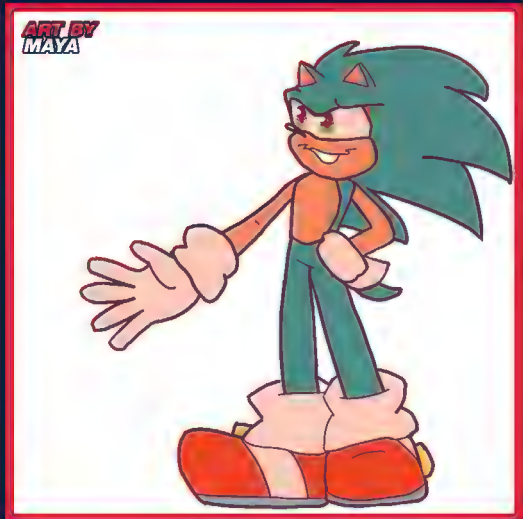
NEXT TIME:
AMY ON
ANGEL ISLAND!



NEXT MONTH



LETTERS SQUAD



CREATOR CORNER: **SHAWN LEE**



What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I do the lettering, design, prepress, etc. All the things nobody is inquiring about...until now!

Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Love Knuckles, but I'm a sucker for Gemerl and Omega.

How do you take your chili dog?

I'm a Deeee-troit Coney guy, so classic onion and mustard. Holla at you, Zorba's.

How did you first discover Sonic?

If memory serves me, I got the first Sonic game for the ol' Genesis on my 10th or 11th birthday.

What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

I took over lettering duties on *Sonic* #6 (IDW). It's been quite a few issues since then.

What's a boring fact about yourself?

This would be a list not just a single fact.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Phew, that's a hard one. As a kid I loved *X-men*, *Squadron Supreme*, and *Thor* at Marvel, *TMNT* and all the parodies (looking at you, *Miami Mice!*), *The Tick*, *Flaming Carrot*, too many to name. Getting older, *Hellboy* (of course!), *The Marquis*...but all-time, I'd have to say *Maus* and *All-Star Superman* might be at the top of the mountain.

What do you do when you're not working on Sonic?

One of my hobbies is thinking about drawing more. So that's going well. Outside of that, I'm usually chilling with the wife and kids (who are also *Sonic* fans).

What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

A pillow? A calendar? I'm a poser, I know!

If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Probably Big the Cat. He's not going to fat shame me while we're destroying Coney.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

A wolverine? We got any of those in the Sonic-verse?

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, pick up Sonic the Hedgehog #62 for the start of our Misadventures arc!



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